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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0013, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As indicated above, in one embodiment, the player has a predetermined number of activations of the award distributor. Alternatively, the processor can randomly determine the number of spins. In a further alternative embodiment, the gaming device enables the player to obtain a number of additional spins at the beginning of the bonus game. The player picks from a plurality of masked choices to obtain the number of spins or additional spins associated with the player's choice.

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Please replace paragraph 0035, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Gaming device 10 also includes one or more display devices. The embodiment shown in Fig. 1A includes a central display device 30 and an award distributor in the form of a mechanical award wheel 100 that physically spins in front of a player. The award wheel is divided into a plurality of sections 102 where a section is indicated by a section indicator 110. The alternative embodiment shown in Fig. 1B includes a central display device 30 as well as an upper display device 32. The upper display device 32

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